



# News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA --** The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a health care provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## Benton County

In August 2016 the Pharmacy Commission entered an agreement with pharmacist **Benjamin David Walling** (PH60506562) that places his license on probation and requires him to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. While at work, Walling appeared impaired and confused. Witnesses say he appeared to hallucinate that people were hiding in the counseling room and standing at the pharmacy counter. He provided the wrong medication to two patients, the wrong quantity to two other patients, and filled a schedule IV controlled substance for himself. Walling submitted to a urinalysis, which tested positive for fentanyl.

In August 2016 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Jill Elizabeth Bocol** (RN00131423) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Bocol was convicted of driving while intoxicated.

## Clark County

In August 2016 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Troy Dreiling** (CH00003052) with unprofessional conduct. Dreiling allegedly took substandard radiographs, made a diagnosis without findings to support it and without follow-up care, didn't examine or treat a patient's pain complaint, kept inadequate records, didn't document a rationale for services, billed for self-administered treatment he didn't supervise, and published advertising that wasn't fully informative.

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## **Cowlitz County**

In August 2016 the secretary of health conditionally granted a certified nursing assistant credential to **Danyelle Atrisha Lopez** (NC60624323) and placed her on probation for at least two years. In 1997 Lopez was convicted in Oregon of unlawfully obtaining public assistance. In 2011 she was found guilty in Oregon of endangering the welfare of a minor.

## **King County**

In July 2016 the Naturopathy Board charged naturopathic physician **Xochitl Palomino** (NT60184731) with unprofessional conduct. Palomino allegedly didn't meet the standard of care during the issuance of multiple medical marijuana authorizations.

In July 2016 the Medical Commission charged physician **Stephen G. Phillips** (MD00023939) with being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety. Charges say Phillips has a visual impairment that prevents him from safely performing surgery.

In August 2016 the Medical Commission charged physician **Eric J. Smith** (MD00028050) with unprofessional conduct. The Commission found that Smith assisted a known prostitute in laundering money. Smith pleaded guilty in 2016 to a federal charge of conspiracy to launder money.

In August 2016 the secretary of health denied an in-home services credential to **No Place Like Homecare LLC**, in care of Shardae Alexia Conn (FS60549989). In 2013 Conn was convicted of third-degree driving while license suspended or revoked. In 2015 she was convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol with a minor passenger in vehicle.

In March 2016 the secretary of health denied a home care aide credential to **John Vincent Riley** (HM60620023), whose pharmacist credential was suspended in 2015 in connection with diverting controlled substances, including pain medication intended for recovering open heart surgical patients.

In August 2016 the Nursing Commission agreed to reinstate the registered nurse credential of **Mary Jane S. Wayman**, also known as Mary Jane S. Bartose (RN60089672) and placed her license on probation. Wayman was ordered to complete a refresher course, and directed to undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Wayman's license was suspended in 2013 when she didn't abide by a requirement to enter a substance abuse monitoring program.

## **Kitsap County**

In July 2016 the secretary of health denied provisional certified home care aide and certified home care aide credentials to **Jennifer Lynn Handke** (PV60602634, HM60602632). On her application, Handke reported receiving intensive inpatient and outpatient treatment at a recovery center.

### **Pierce County**

In July 2016 the Medical Commission filed an amended statement of charges against physician **John H. Hagmann** (MD00026657) to add that his Virginia medical license remains suspended during an appeal process.

In July 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Leiday Agüero**, also known as Leidy Agüero, of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Agüero allegedly advertised massage services despite not having a massage practitioner license.

In August 2016 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with licensed practical nurse **Regina Winston** (LP60230105) that places her on probation for at least two years and fines her \$1,000. Winston didn't keep documentation about the care of a patient who, after being transferred out of Winston's adult family home, was found to have a cancerous lesion.

### **Snohomish County**

In August 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Pavel Lomats** that requires him to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Lomats advertised and offered to provide massage services for a fee despite having no massage license.

In August 2016 the secretary of health ended conditions on the registered nursing assistant credential of **Edna Romero Bolland** (NA60341233).

### **Spokane County**

In August 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Heather M. Pierce** that requires her to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Five years after her massage license expired, Pierce advertised and offered to perform massage services.

In August 2016 the secretary of health conditionally granted a registered nursing assistant credential to **Kendra Lynn Peck** (NA60594962), and ordered her to complete continuing education in law and ethics. In 2013 Peck was convicted of seven counts of second-degree trafficking in stolen property. In 2015 she was convicted of two counts of third-degree driving while license suspended.

In August 2016 the Denturists Board entered an agreement with dentist **Russell A. Hill** (DN00000390) under which his practice will be monitored for at least two years. Hill provided two patients with inadequate dentures and didn't keep sufficient records.

### **Thurston County**

In July 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Yujie Zhao Creekmore** of its intent to

issue a cease-and-desist order. Creekmore allegedly advertised massage services despite not having a massage practitioner license.

### **Whatcom County**

In August 2016 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Marilee Joann Mellon** (RN00110431) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Mellon didn't identify and effectively intervene regarding potentially abusive behavior at the convalescent center where she worked.

### **Yakima County**

In August 2016 the Nursing Commission granted an advanced registered nurse practitioner credential to **Leslie Jean Hansen** (AP60570002) and placed her on probation for at least two years. Hansen must comply with conditions imposed when her registered nurse credential was placed on probation in January 2016 in connection with patient care issues.

### **Out of State**

**California:** In August 2016 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Margaret Giselle Usrey** (RN60288652) that lifts the suspension of her credential and orders her to undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Usrey surrendered her California nurse license in 2016 after not complying with probation in connection with alcohol-related issues.

**New Mexico:** In August 2016 the Veterinary Board conditionally granted a veterinarian credential to **Eugene Aversa** (VT60661093). Aversa must comply with conditions the New Mexico Veterinary Board placed on his license in that state in 2014.

**Wisconsin:** In August 2016 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacy intern **Thaibinh Hun Nguyen** (IR60227339) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Nguyen didn't respond to an investigator's inquiry after leaving a university pharmacy program.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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